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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state:-
(a) whether the Government has launch a scheme under the Support for International Pataent Protection in Electronics and Information Technology (SIP-E&IT)

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;

(c) the number of applications received and accepted by the Government in this regard and details of support provided to the applicants; and

(d) the reasons for rejection of applications, if any?

Answer

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir, with an aim to support Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and Startups to secure Intellectual Property Rights on a global level, Government has launched a scheme titled "Support for International Patent Protection in Electronics and IT (SIP-E&IT)" in December 2014.

The scheme is for a period of 5 years upto 30/11/2019. Under the scheme, MSMEs and Startups are being reimbursed upto maximum of ` 15 lakhs per application or 50% of the total expenses incurred in filing, whichever is less, for securing International Patents in ICT&E sector.

(c) and (d): Till date under the scheme, Government has received 37 applications of which 21 applications have been approved for support and 2 applications have been rejected; 9 applications have been deferred for further compliance by the applicant organization; 5 applications as received after the 6th meeting of the expert committee are under consideration.

The applications are approved by the competent authority based on recommendation by an expert committee constituted under the scheme.

The two applications were rejected on the following grounds:

(i) The expert committee wanted the applicant to conduct a more detailed prior art search.
(ii) The committee was not convinced about the technical problem that the invention was trying to solve.

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